



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 1998

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Summary

Nov 1 (Sun) Dovedale dash  
Nov 3 (Tues) Indoor Meet Ockbrook  
Nov 14 Annual Dinner  
Nov 18 (Wed) Notts Climbing Wall  
Dec 1 (Tues) Indoor Meet Ockbrook

### Nov 1 (Sun) Dovedale Dash

This time of year is upon us again and the going is likely to be the soft side of good. Our only hope of re living past glories with Oread winners (George Rhodes), and other high placings, must rest with Mike Wynne if he can overcome the stresses of multiple parenthood. Richard Hopkinson, whose appearances in the early 1970's were for the Derwent Club and which I failed to acknowledge in earlier write ups, is now approaching the age which I was at when he caught up with me, and must therefore be glancing nervously over his shoulder. Chris Radcliffe is now an executive again and so business lunches and an ankle injury will probably consign him to the also rans. I myself now struggle to keep up with the female half of the Wynne Equipe.

### Nov 3 (Tues) Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook (8pm)

Richard Hopkinson and Rob Tresidder will talk about "A tale of two failures" the enterprises that is, not the speakers. Richard will speak about a trip he made this year with Dawn to Uzbekistan. Rob will talk about a previously taboo topic - his part in an attempt to climb Nilkanta in the Garwhal Himalaya.

### 14 Nov Annual Dinner Shirley Wainwright (Repeat Notice)

This will be at the Marquis of Granby, Bamford. There will be a three course meal priced £15 per person. We have the banqueting room with our own bar which will be open to guests at 7pm. - dinner served at 7.30 pm.

Our guest is Ian Frearson of Arctic and Mountain Rescue renown, and entertainment is "Calico Jack", a folksy group (all males) by

special request from guests who went to the 1997 dinner in Wales.

Camping is available for guests. The charge for this is £10 per person per night, to include breakfast at the Hotel next morning. Breakfast needs to be booked at the reception on arrival. If breakfast is not required camping is £5 per person per night Motor caravans can be parked round the side of the Hotel. Facilities in the Hotel downstairs are available but the Hotel closes at 12.30 am. There are some places left and I know that some members were upset to know that last year's dinner was booked up quickly.

I need all the money in by the end of October - otherwise your place cannot be guaranteed. members are asked to send cheques payable to "Oread MC" to me at my home address with a menu choice (at the end of this write up). £15 for anyone booking now or the balance for anyone who has already paid a deposit. Ring me if you are not sure how much you have paid for your deposit. We have the bar open until midnight.

**Send your cheque and also your choice of dinner. At time of writing many replies are still outstanding and are required urgently.**

The menu is as follows.

<b>Starter</b>	Soup or Melon and Kiwi Fruit cocktail
<b>Main Course</b>	Roast Beef or Poached Salmon or Vegetable Stroganoff with rice.
<b>Sweet</b>	Apple and Raspberry Pie with Custard or Cheese and biscuits.
	Coffee/Tea & Mints.

I have a list of accommodation in the area for anyone who wants it.

Shirley Wainwright  
6 Meadow Rise  
Nottingham NG6 8WH (Tel 0115 9279384)

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No one has stepped into the breech with any useful information about this meet, so I have to confine myself to merely confirming the pre - arranged date and venue.

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Jamie Fisher "Beyond the Savage Mountain". Jamie is a young mountaineer in the traditional mould. Many exciting ascents in the Alps including the Walker, the Croz, the Central Pillar of Freney, NE spur of the Droites etc. He is an enthusiastic photographer and a regular contributor to the Climber magazine. He has cycled up all the routes in Classic Rock (or something like that) but on this occasion he will speak about an attempt this summer on the E face of Savoia Kangri immediately to the West of K2.

### **Dec 4/5 Bullstones B West**

I am going to do something I have never done before - walk to Tan yr Wyddfa. Friday night meeting place will be the "Gwydyr" at Dolwyddelan - turn left off the A5 just before the Waterloo Bridge at Bettws - leaving at closing time for a bivouac on the slopes of Moel Farlwyd.

Saturday route follows the undulating watershed that forms the county boundary, taking us via Cnicht to Nantmor, where in days gone by we could have caught a train to Rhydd - ddu . We shall have to walk it.

An early start Sunday should see us back over the Aran Col and the Gwynant for a lunch time pint in Dolwyddelan.

Tan yr Wyddfa is booked for the weekend and available for normal use but please remember that there could be a dozen or so wet weary bodies turning up on Saturday night - get that fire going!

## **HUT NEWS**

### **Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa**

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## **PAST EVENTS**

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anyone wants to see the full solution send a blank disc and return envelope.

***Information For Newsletter***

The flow and punctuality of this has been quite helpful lately, for which I thank you all. Information on discs (no viri please!) is of course very welcome and I can read most formats, but this newsletter is done in Ami Pro which is not common, so it is most helpful if any information is presented to me as .txt files which I can import directly. Microsoft works is a technical challenge, which I can overcome. Clean typed copy, as large as possible, all one size and font preferably not courier I can scan in directly, and this too is most helpful. The least preferred options are Dronfieldesque handwriting, or telephone messages. All these problems can be overcome, and I like doing this job probably more than some of you like having it done to you, but time is a very scarce commodity and if you can save some by adopting the above suggestions it will be very much appreciated.

**NEXT EDITION**

I hope to post this on *Friday 27 Nov. It is essential that all material reaches me by Thursday 20 Nov. I look forward to hearing from the meet leader for Black Rocks (is this Wren?) and from George Reynolds. I will also need to receive any information for insertion regarding any activities early in the New year.*

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